

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 1.-12. (Cancelled)

1 13. (Currently Amended) A portable inhibitor device for use by a user, comprising a
2 transmitter of an inhibitor message for ~~inhibiting~~ restricting processing, by an image capture
3 device, of from processing a portion of an [[said]] image corresponding to the user of said user
4 portable inhibitor device, wherein the inhibitor message is recognizable by the image capture
5 device and is to cause an image processor in the image capture device to perform an action to
6 restrict processing of the portion of the image corresponding to the user.

1 14. (Original) The user portable device as claimed in claim 13, wherein said inhibitor
2 device is arranged to transmit said inhibitor message directionally.

1 15. (Currently Amended) The user portable device as claimed in claim 13, wherein
2 said inhibitor device is arranged to transmit said inhibitor ~~signal~~ message omni-directionally.

1 16. (Currently Amended) The user portable device as claimed in claim 13, wherein
2 said transmitter is arranged to transmit the inhibitor message ~~comprises~~ comprising an infrared
3 signal.

1 17. (Currently Amended) The user portable device as claimed in claim 13, wherein
2 said transmitter is arranged to transmit the inhibitor message [[as]] comprising a visual
3 signal. [[;]]

1 18. (Currently Amended) The user portable device as claimed in claim 13, wherein
2 said transmitter is arranged to transmit the inhibitor message ~~[[as]]~~ comprising a radio frequency
3 signal.

1 19.-25. (Cancelled)

1 26. (Currently Amended) An image capture system comprising:
2 ~~an inhibitor device arranged to be carried by an object for inhibiting processing of an~~
3 ~~image of said object;~~
4 ~~at least one an~~ image capture device, said image capture device including an image
5 inhibitor component responsive to an inhibit signal transmitted by an inhibitor device carried by
6 an object for inhibiting to restrict processing of portions a portion of an image captured by said
7 image capture device; ~~and~~
8 wherein said image capture device includes an encoder responsive to the inhibit signal
9 detected by the image inhibitor component for encoding [[a]] the portion of said image captured
10 by said image capture device, said encoded image portion corresponding to an image of said
11 object.

1 27. (Currently Amended) The image capture system as claimed in claim 26, wherein
2 the image capture device is configured to:~~further comprising a trusted third party computer~~
3 ~~device, said trusted third party computer being arranged for:~~
4 ~~receiving an~~ send the encoded image portion to a trusted third party computer to allow
5 the trusted third party computer to decode the encoded image portion to recover an image of the
6 object; ~~and~~
7 ~~decoding said image portion.~~

1 28. (Currently Amended) The image capture system as claimed in claim 27[[26]],
2 ~~further comprising a trusted third party computer device, said trusted third party computer being~~
3 ~~arranged for:~~

4 ~~receiving an encoded image portion; and~~

5 ~~decoding said image portion;~~

6 ~~said image capture device being arranged to send said encoded image portion to said~~
7 ~~trusted third party computer;~~

8 wherein the image capture device is configured to receive, from said trusted third party
9 ~~computer, being arranged to decode said encoded image portion to produce a clear~~ the recovered
10 ~~image of the object, a person and to send said decoded clear image to said image capture device.~~

1 29. (Currently Amended) An image capture system comprising:

2 an inhibitor device adapted to be mounted on a host wearer for ~~inhibiting~~ restricting
3 processing of image data corresponding to said host wearer, wherein the inhibitor device is to
4 transmit an inhibit message to ; ~~and~~ an image capture device comprising an image inhibitor
5 component for restricting processing of the image data corresponding to ~~one or more objects~~ the
6 host wearer within a captured scene image;

7 wherein said inhibitor device is being arranged for sending at least one image of [[a]] the
8 host wearer of said inhibitor device to said image capture device, ~~such that~~ to cause said image
9 capture device ~~can to use said received~~ at least one image of the host wearer for recognizing an
10 image portion corresponding to said ~~object,~~ host wearer within said captured scene image.

1 30. (Currently Amended) An image capture system comprising:

2 an inhibitor device adapted to be carried by a host wearer for ~~inhibiting~~ restricting
3 processing of image data corresponding to said host wearer; ~~and, wherein the inhibitor device is~~
4 arranged to transmit an inhibit signal to an image capture device to cause the image capture
5 device to restrict processing of the image data corresponding to the host wearer,

6 ~~a third party computer entity comprising an image inhibitor component for restricting~~
7 ~~processing of image data corresponding to one or more objects within a captured image scene;~~

8 wherein said inhibitor device being is arranged for sending to send at least one image of
9 [[a]] the host wearer of said inhibitor device[[,.]] ~~to said a third party computer entity, such that to~~
10 cause said third party computer entity [[can]] to use said received at least one image of the host
11 wearer for recognizing an image portion corresponding to said host wearereobject, within said
12 ~~captured scene image.~~

1 31. (Currently Amended) An image capture device comprising:

2 an optics system for forming an image ~~on a detector~~; and

3 an image inhibitor operable for receiving from ~~a source~~ an inhibitor device associated
4 with a user that is external of said image capture device, an inhibit signal for inhibiting a portion
5 of said ~~captured image~~ corresponding to the user, ~~and inhibiting viewing of the portion of the~~
6 ~~image accordingly; and~~

7 an image processor responsive to detection of the inhibit signal by the image inhibitor to
8 perform an action to restrict processing of the portion of the image corresponding to the user.

1 32.-39. (Cancelled)

1 40. (New) The portable inhibitor device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the inhibitor
2 message is to cause the image processor in the image capture device to perform the action that
3 modifies the portion of the image corresponding to the user.

1 41. (New) The portable inhibitor device as claimed in claim 40, wherein modifying of
2 the portion of the image includes one or more of: decreasing a resolution of the portion of the
3 image; overlaying a graphic image on the portion of the image; defocusing the portion of the
4 image; and darkening the portion of the image.

1 42. (New) The portable inhibitor device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the
2 transmitter is configured to further send an image of the user to the image capture device.

1 43. (New) The image capture system as claimed in claim 26, wherein the image
2 capture device is configured to modify the portion of the image to obscure the portion of the
3 image in response to the inhibit signal.

1 44. (New) The image capture system of claim 43, wherein the portion of the image is
2 modified by one or more of: decreasing a resolution of the portion of the image; overlaying a
3 graphic image on the portion of the image; defocusing the portion of the image; and darkening
4 the portion of the image.

1 45. (New) The image capture device as claimed in claim 31, wherein the image
2 processor is to further receive an image of the user from the inhibitor device, and
3 wherein the image processor is to match the received image of the user with the portion
4 of said image formed by the optics system.

1 46. (New) The image capture device as claimed in claim 31, wherein the action
2 performed by the image processor includes modifying the portion of the image corresponding to
3 the user.

1 47. (New) The image capture device as claimed in claim 31, wherein modifying the
2 portion of the image includes one or more of:

3 decreasing a resolution of the portion of the image; overlaying a graphic image on the
4 portion of the image; defocusing the portion of the image; and darkening the portion of the
5 image.

1 48. (New) The image capture device as claimed in claim 31, wherein the image
2 processor is to process image data captured by the optics system.